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SUBJECT: PL-480 ARREARAGES

REFS: (A) SANTO DOMINGO 4673, (B) SANTO DOMINGO 4338,

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- 1. WE WELCOME PRESIDENT BALAGUER'S COMMITMENT (REFTEL A) TO PAY \$1.9 MILLION PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 30. WE ALSO SUPPORT FULLY YOUR OBJECTIVE OF OBTAINING THE REMAINING \$1.4 MILLION ASAP.
- 2. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE FOUR VOTING MEMBERS OTHER THAN STATE (I.E. TREASURY, FEDERAL RESERVE, COMMERCE AND EXIMBANK) OF THE NATIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (NAC) VOTED IN FAVOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF THE FOLLOWING DRAFT NAC ACTION:

"THE NAC ADVISES THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY THAT THE PROPOSED AID LOAN TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC (AGRICULTURE SECTOR LOAN 2) MAY BE AUTHORIZED. HOWEVER, AS LONG AS THERE ARE ARREARAGES OF 90 DAYS OR MORE ON ANY USG LOAN, AND AS LONG AS THERE REMAIN UNPAID ANY PL-480 LOAN REPAYMENTS DUE UP THROUGH JULY 4, 1976, THE LOAN SHOULD NOT BE SIGNED. IN ADDITION, ARREARAGES OF LESS THAN 90 DAYS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BY AID AND AID SHOULD OBTAIN ASSURANCES FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC THAT FULL REPAYMENT WILL BE MADE PROMPTLY."

STATE DID NOT VOTE ON THE ABOVE DRAFT ACTION AND WOULD SUPPORT AID IF AID DECIDES TO GO AHEAD ON THE AGRICULTURE SECTOR LOAN

- 3. AS YOU WILL APPRECIATE BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE, THE PRESENT COLLECTION PROCEDURE -- WHICH REQUIRES YOUR PERSONAL INTERVENTION WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER EVERY TIME A PAYMENT FALLS DUE -- IS CLEARLY UNDESIREABLE. ONCE YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING THE GODR CURRENT ARE CONCLUDED SUCCESSFULLY, YOU SHOULD ENCOURAGE PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO INSURE THAT FUTURE PAYMENTS ARE MADE ROUTINELY AS THEY FALL DUE. IN THIS CONTEXT, WE SUPPORT YOUR SUGGESTION (REFTEL B) THAT A PROCEDURE BE WORKED OUT WITH BALAGUER TO ENSURE THAT HE IS FULLY INFORMED WELL IN ADVANCE OF DUE DATES FOR DEBTS DUE THE USG.
- 4. WE VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING TO RESOLVE THIS LONG-STANDING ISSUE. KISSINGER

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